

5 US-A-1753502 discloses a pneumatic dust collector.
The dust collector consists of a cyclone having a
tangentially arranged gas-solids inlet opening. From the
gas outlet conduit a stem extends to a disk positioned
below the gas outlet opening.

10 EP-A-052042 discloses a swirl tube separator
provided with anti-erosion means fixed on the interior
wall of the housing of the separators.

US-A-4795561 discloses a cyclone separator provided
with a tangential arranged gas-solids inlet, a
15 cylindrical housing with a closed bottom and a valve at
the bottom of the cylindrical housing. The valve is
fixed to a pin. The opposite end of this pin is located
in the gas outlet conduit present at the upper end of
the cylindrical housing. The pin thus mechanically
20 positions the valve and the movement of the valve within
the separator.

US-A-4072481 discloses a device for separating a gas
from a mixture of a liquid, solids and gas. The inlet
for the mixture is tangential. A so-called stand
25 provided with a plate at its upper end is present at
some distance below the outlet for the gaseous phase.

US-A-4,795,561 discloses a cyclomic separator for
use in fluid flow systems that comprises a housing
containing an inlet, a moveable shroud, and at least one
30 variable area outlet.

The object of the present invention is to provide a
swirl tube separator having improved separation
efficiency and which has a lesser tendency to operate
with a non-symmetric vortex.

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Summary of invention

The invention is directed to the following swirl
tube separator. Swirl tube separator for separating

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- 5 solids from a gas-solid containing feed comprising a
tubular housing, an axial inlet for introducing a gas-
solids mixture at one end of said housing, wherein said
axial inlet for introducing the gas-solids mixture is
provided with swirl imparting means, a solids outlet
10 opening at the opposite end of said housing, and a co-